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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of )  
Mark T. Dertzbaugh )  
USSN 09/917,791 )  
Filed: July 31, 2001 )  
For: PROTECTIVE PEPTIDES OF NEUROTOXIN OF C. BOTULINUM

**RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION OF THE EXAMINER AND  
PETITION FOR ENTRY AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents      December 30, 2002  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications mailed October 29, 2002. December 29 being a Sunday, this response is timely filed.

Attached hereto are a diskette and printout of the sequence listing of the amino acid and DNA base sequences as disclosed in the cited patent application. Also attached is a copy of the Notice to Comply with Requirements--.

It is respectfully requested that the diskette and the printed sequence listing provided herewith be entered into the file.

In the specification, please insert, at page 1, after the

first line:

AL -- This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application 08,446,114, which issued as U.S. patent 6,287,566 B1 on September 11, 2001.--

Attached is a clean copy of the first and second pages of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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